

REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL

**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
MARCH 10, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn, Councilmember R. LeMont Glasgow, Councilmember Edwin E. Wicker, Councilmember Zebbie D. Goude-lock, Councilmember Thomas Louis Boyd, Councilmember David E. DuBose, Councilman David T. Force.

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Police Chief Dennis Brown, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Human Resources Director Tamra Tootle, Fire Captain Gene Shealy, Public Works Director Mac Bartley Others Present: Stuart Smith and family, Ben Dukes, Daniel Werts, Chris, Karen, Michael and Abby Carter, Mr. and Mrs. George Routon, Debra Shaw, Tim Swygert, Benji Morris, Kyle Vaughn, Jessica DeWitt, Lisa Toland, and others. News representatives: Elyssa Parnell

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Senn called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Glasgow gave the invocation.

MINUTES:

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on February 10, 2015 as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mayor Senn advised that members of City Council had received a copy of the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2015 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager Harvey gave a brief explanation of the financial statement mentioning that line items such as court revenues, general funds, and business licenses were down but this is typically seen at this point in the year based on previous years. City Manager Harvey further stated that there would be meeting with Dawn Lund (financial advisor) on March 19th, 2015 at 5:00pm and on March 30th Teresa Crawley to discuss the bond issue. Both meetings are open to the public.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey recognized Matt DeWitt for his five years of service with the City's Administration Department and Stuart Smith for his twenty-five years of service with the City's Fire Department. Both received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey also recognized Gail Folk for her retirement. Gail began her employment on July 19, 1993 and held the position of Warehouse Inventory Agent. She received a commemorative gift and monetary award commensurate with her years of service.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Mayor Senn and Councilman Goudelock recognized Abby Carter for being named the Newberry County March of Dimes 2015 Ambassador. Abby is the daughter of Newberry Police Sgt. Chris Carter and Karen Carter.

Abby addressed the attendees and thanked the people of Newberry for all of their support. Her goal was to raise \$2500.00 and she has exceeded the goal. She also invited the public to come walk with her on Saturday Morning at the March of Dimes event.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Senn and Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt presented a proclamation to Mrs. Agnes Routon for her fundraising efforts that resulted in the purchase of two new snow machines and last years' Christmas tree that were showcased every Friday in the month of December.

Mrs. Routon said the idea to purchase the snow machines came from a trip to Georgia and after seeing them in action, she knew how much the people of Newberry would enjoy them. She also noted that it was a team effort by the citizens of Newberry that made the Christmas season such a success.

ORDINANCE:

First Reading of an Ordinance (#2015-1004) to Transfer Property to the Newberry County School District

Mayor Senn put forward for first reading an Ordinance (#2015-1004) to authorize the sale by exchange of property to the Newberry County School District. Mayor Senn stated that the ordinance would allow The City of Newberry to transfer a parcel fronting on O'Neal Street (Parcel ID No. 343-7-18-19) to Newberry County Board of Education in exchange for the transfer by Newberry County Board of Education to the City of Newberry of property fronting on Crosson Street.

City Manager Harvey offered an explanation as to why the swap would be beneficial to both parties. He stated that based on land totals that it would be an even swap of property and redistribute the lines to make the boundaries more evenly divided. He noted that the school district was also in agreement with the trade and that future plans for the land may include trails. City Manager Harvey stated that the City's administration department was looking for a trail grant to enhance the existing trail.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

UTILITIES:

Mayor Senn reported that the property owner, Jerome N. Spann, of 924 Sunset Lane had submitted a request to receive out-of-city water service. He further stated that Mr. Spann had agreed to execute an annexation covenant indicating a willingness to annex if his property becomes contiguous to the City limits and Council determines it is in the best interest of the City to annex the property. It was noted that the property is adjacent to an existing City water line and would require no extension beyond a standard tap.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to grant Mr. Jerome Spann out-of-city water service. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Senn made an announcement that he had signed a proclamation earlier in the week to declare March 9th through March 15th as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. He noted that it was an important cause and wanted to shine a light on the individuals of the community that deal with its effects on a daily basis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Boyd made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter pertaining to appointments, a legal matter and discussion of contracts. Councilmember Wicker seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present.

Councilmember DuBose made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Goude-lock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:29 P.M. Councilmember Glasgow seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.



Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST:

M. Jennifer O'Shields, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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